

Resolution recognizing Crime Stoppers, Inc., as the official reward program for Franklin County and authorizing an affiliation agreement with Crime Stoppers (Commissioners)

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners is committed to helping maintain the security and welfare of all citizens in Franklin County; and

WHEREAS, Crime Stoppers, Inc., a nonprofit organization operating exclusively for the payment of rewards for tips to solve local crimes, has demonstrated a positive impact on solving and reducing crime in Franklin County, being instrumental in 2009 alone of 132 cases cleared and the arrest of 54 fugitives; and

WHEREAS, Section 9.92 of the Ohio Revised Code provides for the Board to designate one organization as the official citizens' reward program for Franklin County, entitling it under Section 2981.12 to 25 percent of proceeds from the sale of certain forfeited property by local law enforcement agencies;

WHEREAS, based on its designation as the official reward program for Franklin County, Crime Stoppers, Inc. received \$26,014 in 2009 from the sale of certain forfeited property by local law enforcement agencies; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to R.C. 9.92, the Board of Commissioners and Crime Stoppers may enter into an affiliation agreement whereby a \$1.00 cost is assessed against those who are convicted or plead guilty to a crime, other than a traffic offense; and

WHEREAS, based on its affiliation agreement with Franklin County, Crime Stoppers received \$12,072 in 2009 from court costs assessed against those who were convicted or pled guilty to a crime other than a traffic offence; and

WHEREAS, this fee will be utilized to offer and pay rewards to citizens for volunteering tips to solve crime within our county; and

WHEREAS, \$29,000 in reward money was paid to citizens in the last 12 months for crime-stopping tips;

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NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS, FRANKLIN COUNTY, OHIO:

1. That pursuant to Section 9.92 of the Ohio Revised Code, the Franklin County Board of Commissioners hereby authorizes the renewal of its affiliation agreement with Crime Stoppers, Inc.
2. That pursuant to Section 9.92 of the Ohio Revised Code, Crime Stoppers, Inc., is recognized as the official citizens' reward program for Franklin County, with all of the privileges and responsibilities as proscribed by law.

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